ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 33. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

Absolute Rating Improvement Rating

2001 Excellent Excellent

2002 2003 2004

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
Passed all 3 subtests	64.9	61.7	72.0	66.9	70.8	73.4
Passed 2 subtests	16.7	20.6	13.8	18.1	16.2	15.2
Passed 1 subtest	10.8	10.7	6.7	9.6	8.5	7.4
Passed no subtests	7.7	7.0	7.4	5.4	4.5	4.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	39.2%	22.0%
at four-year institutions		
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	39.2%	23.6%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	66.3%	54.2%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

	PERFORMANCE BY STUDE	INT GROUPS				
	Seniors					
		Exit Exam Passage	Eligibility for	Graduation		
	Student Group	Rate by Spring 2001	LIFE Scholarships	Rate		
4	All students	93.0%	39.2%	N/A until 2003		
-	Students with disabilities other than speech	75.0%	5.6%			
	Students without disabilities	94.6%	42.9%			
	Gender					
	Male	94.8%	42.7%			
	Female	90.6%	35.9%			
	Ethnic Group					
Ų	African American	82.7%	10.0%			
	Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%			
	White	96.8%	57.0%			
	Other	100.0%	0.0%			
	Lunch Status					
	Free/reduced-price lunch	78.9%	0.0%			
	Pay for lunch	94.5%	44.9%			

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES				
Mastering core competencies	66.2%			
Completers placed	100.0%			
Eligible students enrolled	46.2%			

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

O	ır School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL	ii Ociiooi	Last real	LIKE OUIS	OCHOOL
Dollars spent per student	\$5,505	N/A	\$5,662	\$5,668
Prime instructional time	91.4%	Up from 90.6%	90.3%	90.1%
Student-teacher ratio	25.8 to 1	N/A	26.3 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,128)				
Advanced Placement/	88.6%	N/A	51.1%	40.0%
Int'l Baccalaureate Program				
Exam Success Ratio				
Attendance rate	97.4%	Up from 97.0%	95.3%	95.3%
Retention rate	14.2%	Up from 13.9%	9.3%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=77)				
 Professional Development days per teacher 	7.5 Days	Down from 7.9	7.5 Days	7.5 Days
Attendance rate	95.3%	Up from 95.1%	95.9%	95.7%
Teachers with	55.8%	Down from 64.5%		49.4%
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Continuing	74.0%	Down from 78.5%	6 82.2%	81.0%
contract teachers				
Teachers with	5.2%	Up from 0.0%	2.6%	3.0%
out-of-field permits				
 Teachers returning 	84.0%	Up from 82.3%	86.6%	85.2%
from the previous				
school year				
 Average teacher salary 	\$39,643	Up 5.8%	\$38,972	\$38,125

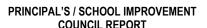
SCHOOL FACTS

		From	with Students	High
Our S	School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
Dropout rate	2.7%	Down from 3.4%	2.9%	2.9%
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	66.7%	N/A	55.7%	56.4%
 Principal's years at the school 	3.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
 Percent of parents attending conferences 	67.9%	N/A	60.1%	60.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
Older than usual for grade	12.1%	Down from 14.7%	9.1%	10.1%
 Suspended or expelled 	35	N/A	27	29
 Gifted and talented 	30.9%	Up from 12.3%	8.3%	7.4%
 With disabilities other than speech 	12.7%	Up from 10.9%	10.9%	10.7%
 Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations 	2.7%	N/A	1.7%	4.5%
 Enrollment in career and technology center courses 	521	N/A	397	350
 Career students participating in work-based experiences 	32.2%	N/A	24.8%	23.1%

Change

Schools

Median



A.C. Flora High School continues to make significant progress. A few of this year's accomplishments include: awards in local and state art competitions, top winners in the state and national French exams, 3 students selected to the Governor's School for the Arts. 4 students selected to the Governor's School for Academics, and 11 faculty members completed the process for National Board certification. SAT scores increased by 63 points, for the first time in 10 years they averaged more than 1,000, and 16 of our athletic teams qualified for the state playoffs, winning eight regional championships.

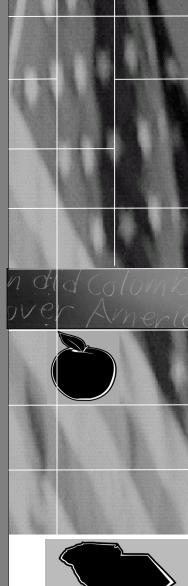
Successful implementation of the 4X4 block schedule allowed students to receive up to 8 credits within an academic year. This change has contributed to an improvement in student grades and allowed for the customizing of schedules for students who are experiencing academic distress.

All sophomores were administered both the PSAT and PLAN. The results of these tests are used to guide students to the most appropriate tests (SAT or ACT). All eleventh-grade students take the ASSET placement test. The results of this test are used to qualify students to take college courses on our campus, to meet the requirements to enroll in Midlands Technical College, and to serve as a diagnostic tool to identify the academic weaknesses of students.

While 88 percent of Flora seniors enroll in 2- or 4-year colleges, there remains a need to collect, organize and disaggregate data to ensure that every student population is moving toward academic success. Beginning with the 2001-02 school year, all 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will be administered the PSAT to help accomplish this purpose. In addition, each student will be assigned an academic advisor to assure that a customized achievement plan is in place and closely monitored.

A. C. Flora is now an International Baccalaureate Diploma school, the only one in the Midlands area. Because of the training and preparation required of teachers for this program, the quality of instruction for all students has improved dramatically.

Community involvement is a great asset to our school. In 2000-01 volunteers donated more than 66,000 hours to help improve the quality of student life. The PTSO raised \$8,000 and the A.C. Flora Foundation raised \$30,000 to address school improvement needs.



A C Flora High One Falcon Drive Columbia, S. C. 29204

Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1.128 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School 2001 **Report Card**

> School Grade: **Excellent**

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.2	66.7	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	80.0	69.9	,
Satisfied with home-school relations	80.8	83.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent - School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal. Good - School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal Average - School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal. Below Average - School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal. Unsatisfactory - School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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